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The CALEDONIAN has received some

handsome calendars the past week and

thanks the donors publicly for them. A.

S. Haskins is distributing one with a

beautiful profile, the Summer Street

Laundry has a variety of designs, and J.

M. Cady, manager of the Prudential In-

surance Co. is giving to the patrons of this company a useful calendar pad and

The Metropolitan Fife Insurance Co. are

At the annual meeting of the Knights

of Columbus last Wednesday, these offi-

Deputy Grand Knight, T. J. Tierney.

More Calendars.

a pretty calendar.

cers were elected:

Annual Meeting K. of C.

Grand Knight, D. P. Healey.

Chaplain, Rev. J. A. Lynch.

## The Berry-Ball Dry Goods Co.

## Only Three Days Before

Christmas.

We are prepared to supply your wants for both old and Dec. 25. Christmas Day. young in Dress Goods, Table Damask, Bed Blankets, Ladies' and Gents' Slippers, Children's Toys, Men's Clothing of all kinds.

## Men's Bath Robes,

Men's House Coats, Umbrellas, Dress Lint Shields, Fur Caps, Fur Gloves, Fur Lined Gloves, Mufflers, Ties,

## Perfumes and Soaps,

Toilet Sets, Mirrors, Fancy Clocks, Views of St. Johnsbury, and many other things we have not mentioned.

## The Berry-Ball Dry Goods Co.

Do You Keep the "HOT STUFF?"

"No," said I, "I sell it. I can't keep it, there's such a demand." Then he wanted some.

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BUYS A GIFT THAT LASTS FOREVER.

It entitles you to receive one membership in the

TABARD INN LIBRARY.

Full paid for yourself, your heirs or assigns forever. It entitles you to one book in any Tabard Inn Station in the country, and the book is FOR-EVER EXCHANGEABLE.

We have some special combinations to offer you. Come in and look over our list of books available to you on these

Special Xmas Offers.

### C. A. CURRIER & CO.,

The Apothecaries,

109 Eastern Ave..

St. Johnsbury, Vt.

### Speaking of Christmas

We have the finest line of goods suitable for presents to smokers ever shown in this city. Come in and examine them.

F. N. Brown & Son,

49 Main Street,

St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

#### FRATERNITY MEETINGS.

Haswell Royal Arch Chapter, No. 11. Stated Convocation, Friday evening, Dec.

LEIGHTON P. SLACK, H. P. DELOS M. BACON, Secretary.

Passumpsic Lodge, No. 27, F. and A. M. Regular Communication, Thursday even-GEORGE F. CHENEY, W. M. DELOS M. BACON, Secretary.

Palestine Commandery, No. 5, K. T. Stated conc'ave Tuesday evening, Jan. 17. Christmas observance, Monday, Dec. 26. New Year service at Wells River, Jan. 1. Inspection of Commandery, Wednesday, Jan. 11. WM. S. BOYNTON, Em. Commander, Delos M. Bacon, Recorder,

Knight of Pythias. Regular Convention of Apollo Lodge, No. 2, Tuesday evening, Dec. 28.
E. F. TINKER, C. C. H. W. Ellis, K. R. S.

NEW ADS. THIS WEEK.

Pres. of Account-James Northrop's Est. An Egigma-C. C. Bingham. Not Decided Yet ?- Lawrence P. Leach.

Books-Stiles. 'Hot Stuff"-Moore & Co. on't Skip-W. W. Sprague. Only Three Days-Berry-Ball Dry Goods Co

\$1.50-C. A. Currier & Co. The Palace-Chas. F. Pettee. Bankruptcy Notice-Byron D. Bickford.

#### Local Events.

26 Christmas Dance.

Basket Ball. 26. Annual Meeting Brightlook Hos pital Aid.

#### LOCAL GATHERINGS.

-Persons wishing to purchase bibles or testaments may find them for sale at cost at the bible depository kept at the Rowell book store.

-The Athenæum will be closed on Saturday evening, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, also on Christmas holiday, Monday

-The continued cold weather without any snow has resulted in fre zing the ground to a depth of six feet and the frost will penetrate further unless snow comes. The Christmas trade is never so good without sleighing and the merchants as well as everybody else wish to: about a foot of snow.

which is, of course, only one more Sun-

ceived their share of patronage at the sale and supper, Friday evening, and the society was enriched by about \$100. All the departments were well patronized and the haggis proved to be the attraction at the supper, all of which was of usual excellence. This dish had never before been served publicly here, and many words of praise have been spoken of it.

-Beginning January 1 all the millinery stores will close every night in the week excepting Saturday evenings, until about the middle of March.

-By special invitation the next regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of Mrs. A. L. Bailey, Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 27.

-As Christmas falls on Sunday the day following will be a national holiday. The banks, and Museum will be closed and the post office will observe its usual

served by Caterer Atwood.

-The Westchester Fire Insurance Company of New York have entered the Hastings agency. This is one of the old strong companies, being 68' years old millions. Mr. Hastings says this makes agency, every one of them American companies, and that he doubts if another agent in the state can show a cleaner and stronger list for that number.

-The Parochial scools closed Tuesday for the Christmas vacation and the Convent schools close today. Next Wednesday evening at St. Agnes Hall, the boys of the Parochial school will give a public terest.

-The annual meeting of Brightlook Hospital Aid Association will be held at the hospital, Monday afternoon. Executive board meeting at 2.30; regular meeting at 3 o'clock.

-The Woman's Association have added \$393 to their treasury as a result of the recent North church sale. This is the largest sum ever realized at one of their sales and the returns are not yet all

#### Don't skip, slight or slur

our Insurance or Annuity offerings or suggestions. You can make "Christmas" all the time and 'Happy New Year" forever for the ones you work for, if you will explain the circumstances to us and take our advice. 54th year, doing business in 41 states. Nat'l Life Ins. Co. of Vt. (Mutual). ORGANIZED 1850. J. T. Pheips & Co., State Agts., 159 Devonshire Street, Boston.

W. W. SPRAGUE, Gen. Agent for Northeastern Vermont, St. Johnsbury, Vt.

-The Academy closes Friday for the holiday vacation, and the winter term will begin Tuesday, January 3.

-C. D. Gilbert, local representative for the International Correspondence Schools, wishes to announce that after this date he will be in his office, 47 Railroad street, Monday evenings instead of Saturday evenings, as has been the

-A branch of the Carpenters' Union was organized here Saturday night.

-The ladies of Grace Methodist church were unable to supply the demand for their chicken pie dinner, Thursday, and many were obliged to go away without being served. Those who were fortunate enough to be served, which was a large number, had an excellent dinner.

#### Two Small Fires.

Just before midnight Friday Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown stopped into the grocery store of Brown Brothers in the Union block to fix the fires for the night and Mrs. Brown thought she discovered signs of fire. A close investigation revealed the fact that there was a fire in the partition near the chimney and the ringing in of the fire alarm brought out the fire department. The prompt use of a chemical extinguisher put out the blaze which would undoubtedly have destroyed the entire block had it not been discovered in time. The fire caught from the burning out of the chimney and the loss will be slight.

The alarm was rung in Sunday from blaze in Ed Goss' house in Summerville. Quite a hole in the woodwork had been burned around the over-heated chimney when the department arrived, but the fire was soon extinguished with slight

#### Lecture on South America.

John W. Titcomb, now of Washington, spoke in one of the high schools of that city one day last week on his recent trip to South America.

He spoke, says the Washington Star. of his investigations, which carried him into the heart of the country, and told how he encamped two months near the north border of Patagonia and Chile. -There seems to be a general misunder- Probably few individuals of Argentina standing about the running of the "air have seen so much of their country as line" trains Sunday afternoon, but now | did Mr. Titcomb during his sojourn of it is officially announced that the service seven months there. His lecture was will be continued the rest of the year 1904 | quite out of the ordinary line of travel, and he had many anecdotes and illustrations of human interest.

Argentina is regarded as the most pro--The ladies of the Episcopal church re- gressive of South American countries, and it is astonishing, said the lecturer, to learn that Buenos Ayres is the fourth largest city of the western hemisphere, ranking in population with Philadelphia. It is a modern, up-to-date city, well governed and with streets as clean as the city of Washington.

Speaking of Paraguay Mr. Titcomb said that it was very noticeable to see the predominance of the women of the country in all industrial matters, and that this was brought about by the scarcity of men, who were killed off during "the long war," a great many years ago.

#### Bishop Hall at St. Andrew's.

Bishop A. C. A. Hall held a service of confirmation at St. Andrew's church, Monday morning, when a class of five from Victory was confirmed, two from that place were baptized, and the service of Holy Communion was administered. The rector, Rev. James Thompson, and the rector from Lyndonville, Rev. George and the post office will observe its usual hodiday hours.

—Palestine Commandery, No. 5, K. T., worked two orders on a candidate Friday might after which a banguet was day night after which a banquet was tained while here by Rev. and Mrs. Thompson.

#### Gay Zenola McLaren.

This young lady was received by an appreciative audience at Music Hall, and having assets of three and one-half Friday evening, notwithstanding the many other calls upon everyone's time an even dozen fire companies now in his the same night. Her appearance here before had won for her a good audience, and the interest aroused by her admirers added to the number. She is a very attractive young lady, her impersonation of the many characters being excellent, and her appearance on the stage very pleasing. Many of the parts in "The Christian" are quite difficult of impersonation, but she was not lacking in any of them, and the audience followed the story to its close with intense in-

# Big Fire at Passumpsic

### Loss Will Exceed \$75,000.

### The Ide Mill and Fiber Leather distributing through their corps of agents a handsome panel calendar representing children's faces peering from tull blown roses. Plant in Ashes.

whistle at the Fiber Leather mill at Passumpsic just after 6 Monday morning gave a general alarm of fire at that mill and within an hour both the plant of the Passumpsic Fiber Leather Company and the adjoining grist mill of E. T. and H. K. Ide were burned to the ground. So quickly did the flames spread that all that was saved at the leather factory was a carload of finished product which was pushed down the side track away from the hot flames and a few bags of meal at the grist mill. The

standing today is the boiler house of the

leather board factory and the boilers are

It is supposed that the fire caught by

spontaneous combustion in the leather

room of the leather board plant. George

Hall's house, which is opposite the Ide

mill, was badly scorched by the flames,

as was also the blacksmith shop and

Parker Morgan's house which are on the

north side of the road, but these build-

ings were saved by the work of the

Passumpsic people. The flames kept smouldering all day Monday and as a wind had arisen late in the afternoon it

was decided to send to St. Johnsbury for

old Torrent hand engine Monday after-

noon and played on the flames until 3

The Passumpsic Fiber Leather Company is the heaviest loser and they esti-

mate their loss at about \$45,000 above

their insurance of \$18,000. The company is capitalized at \$50,000 and its officers

are George F. Cushman of St. Johnsbury,

president, Stephen Chase, manager, Theo-

dore Chase, treasurer. They had spent

about \$75,000 at this plant and its an-

nual output of leather board was 800

tons. Much of the time they had been

running night and day and their daily

output was three tons of finished product.

They employed a force of 18 men. At the time of the fire they had about \$5,000

worth of finished product on hand and

nearly \$3,000 worth of stock in process

sic would be very great.

The Ide grist mill stood on historic ground. It was one of the oldest mill

sites in the state, the first mill having

been built there in 1790. In 1813 the

Ide estimates their loss at about \$7000

above the insurance. They employed six hands at the mill which happened to be

filled to its utmost capacity, a carload of

mixed feed having been crowded into the granaries the Saturday before in addition

to all the other stock on hand. Mr. Ide

is undecided as to his future plans, but it

may be safely said that such a desirable

water power as this will not be allowed

to lie idle. The dam had recently been

Mr. Cushman was unable to give the

list of his policies, but the Crawford Ran-

ney agency carried \$4500 with the Home

Close Out Before Christmas

Books and Box Paper

AT STILES'

Finest Line of Box Paper in Vermont.

Graphophones on Easy Payments.

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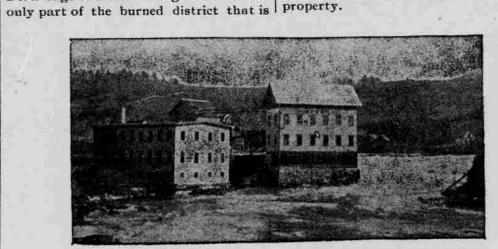
o'clock Tuesday morning.

believed to be in good condition.

The continuous blowing of the steam | Insurance Co., of Philadelphia, \$1500 with the Fire Association of Philadelphia and \$1500 with the Insurance Company of North America, also of Philadelphia. The insurance on the Ide property was placed as follows: Vermont Mutual, \$6500, Union Mutual of Montpelier, \$1000; Boston Insurance Co., \$1000.

Passumpsic and throws two dozen men out of employment in midwinter, besides entailing heavy losses on the stock-

holders of the two corporations. graph which does not show a large addition to the Fiber Leather Company



#### Chancellor, John A. Gunn. Warden, Dr. T. J. Walch. Rec. Sec'y., F. H. Philbert. Finan. Sec'y., F. C. Mayo. Treas., F. G. Landry. Trustee for three years, W. F. Welch. The fire is a sad blow to the village of Lecturer, John McCaffrey.

Our illustration is from an old photo-

Inside Guard, W. J. Cox. Outside Guard, George Caldbeck.

Kurn Hattin Homes.

Charles E. Bishop, superintendent of the Kurn Hattin Homes at Westminster, spoke at the Church of the Messiah Sunday morning and at the North church in the evening upon the work of the institutions of which he is the head. The homes at Westminster and Springfield accommodate 50 boys and the homes are now full so that applications for newcomers have to be refused. The boys are exceedingly happy there, do all the work in the house and on the farms of nearly 200 acres and go out into the world thoroughly equipped for their life work. Mr. Bishop said the Homes needed an endowment and more money to support their growing needs and urged all his hearers to remember the institution in

GIFTS FOR ALL.

#### Men, Women and Children.

NUTTING PHOTOGRAPHS of our own beautiful Vermont. We have the pictures, frames, screw eyes and cord. These are a joy to every member of the assistance. A force went down with the family every day in the year.

ARTISTIC CALENDARS with Nutting Pictures.

FRAMED PICTURES for the Parlor, Dining Room, Hall and Den. SOLID and PLATED SILVERWARE and CUT GLASS to furnish

JEWELRY. Stone and Plain Rings, Bracelets, Buttons, Children's Pin and Button Sets, Brooches, Scarf Pins, Collar Pins, Fob Chains, Ladies' Chatelaine Pins and Chains for the watch. Gent's Watch Chains.

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#### Opera Glasses, Field Glasses, Umbrellas.

FOUNTAIN PENS. Five different makes.

LEATHER GOODS. Music Rolls, Traveling Cases, Purses, Bill Books

of manufacture. They have made no plans for rebuilding, but all hope they GAMES. Sherlock Holmes, Flinch, Pit, Printing Outfit, Sewing Cards, Paper will rebuild as it is understood they were doing a good business and the loss of this busy plant to the village of Passump-

Souvenir Postal Cards.

Cor. Main St. and Eastern Ave. property passed into the hands of Jacob Ide and the plant has been in the Ide family ever since. There was an insurance of \$8500 on this property and Mr.

## RITCHIE'S.

## extensively repaired and the Ides were using about 200 horse power and the leather board mill 550 horse power.

MARKED DOWN.

All our Ladies' and Misses' Winter Coats marked down from 3.00 to \$5 each. There are 50 coats to select from. New styles this season. They make choice Christmas gifts. Come in and select one, will keep it for you

#### Christmas Furs

make the choicest presents. We show a line of Fur Boas and Muffs from 5.00 to \$50.00 set. Ladies' Electric Seal Fur Coats. Ladies' Wool Scal Fur Coats. Ladies' Imitation Buffalo Riding Coats. Ladies' Imitation Astrachan Riding Coats. Something which will keep out the wind.

Useful Christmas Goods in all departments. Orders by mail promptly attended to.

39 Railroad Street.

St. Johnsbury